

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION**

English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled PIPE-CONNECTING DEVICE, the specification of which:

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was filed on _____ as PCT Application Serial No.
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I have identified below any foreign application from which I do not claim priority, but which relates to the above invention, and which application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application has a filing date before that of the earliest application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below.

Prior Foreign Application(s):

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)
<u>0301568</u>	<u>FRANCE</u>	<u>6/02/2003</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C.F.R. , Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

<u>PCT/FR2004/000267</u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>5/02/2004</u> (Filing Date)	<u>PENDING</u> (Status) (Patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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